

Power to repeal  
alter or amend.

SEC. 19. The Legislature may repeal, amend or modify this act at any time.

J. S. NORRIS,  
*Speaker of House of Representatives.*  
WM. P. MURRAY,  
*President of Council.*

APPROVED—March second, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

W. A. GORMAN.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the original act on file in this office.

J. TRAVIS ROSSETT,  
*Secretary of Minnesota Territory.*

## CHAPTER L.

### *An Act to incorporate the Stillwater Ferry Company.*

- SECTION 1. Corporate name of Company—their capabilities and liabilities.  
 2. Length of time incorporated.  
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 5. In what case the act shall be void.  
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*Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Minnesota Territory:*

Corporate name  
of Company.

SECTION 1. That Isaac Staples, John McKusick, Christopher Carli, Elias McKean, Jonathan E. McKusick and Albert Harris, and their associates and assigns, be and they are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic for the purposes hereinafter mentioned by the name of the "Stillwater Ferry Company" for the term of fifteen years; and by that name they and their successors shall be, and they are hereby, made capable in law to contract, and be contracted with, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, prosecute and defend, answer and be answered, in any court of record or elsewhere, and to purchase and hold any estate, real, personal

and mixed, and the same to grant, sell, lease, mortgage or otherwise dispose of, for the benefit of said company to devise, and keep a common seal, and to alter, renew, or change the same at pleasure; to make and enforce any by-laws not contrary to the constitution and laws of the United States or of this Territory.

SEC. 2. The said corporation is hereby vested with the exclusive right and privilege for the period of fifteen years, of keeping and maintaining a ferry across the Lake St. Croix, in the county of Washington and Territory of Minnesota, on section number twenty-eight (28) township thirty (30) north of range number 20 west; and no other ferry shall be established within one mile from the bounds of said section number twenty-eight. Length of time incorporated.

SEC. 3. That the capital stock of said Company shall be three thousand dollars, with the right and privilege of increasing the same to the sum of fifteen thousand dollars; and shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each; which stock is to be owned by the corporators above named, in the proportion and manner agreed upon by them, or as directed by the rules, regulations and by-laws of said corporation. Capital stock.

SEC. 4. The said corporators herein before mentioned, shall have power to elect from their own number such officers, trustees or directors as they may deem necessary, for the successful management and operation of said corporation, in pursuance to their by-laws and regulations. Election of trustees.

SEC. 5. That if the said corporators shall not organize and be in readiness to perform their duties as herein required, within six months from the date of the passage of this act, then this act shall be void. Act shall be void.

SEC. 6. The said Company shall at all times keep a safe and good boat or boats, in good repair, sufficient for the accommodation of all persons wishing to cross the Lake St. Croix, at said ferry and shall give prompt and ready attendance on passengers, or teams, on all occasions and at all hours, both night and day; but persons crossing at said ferry in the night may be charged double fare as hereinafter prescribed: *And provided further*, that the said company shall not be required or compelled to cross at said ferry, when the said Lake St. Croix is so rough as to endanger life or property, or when ice shall render it unsafe or impracticable to cross. Kind of boat.

SEC. 3. The rates charged for crossing at the above ferry shall not exceed the following: Rates of toll.

For each foot passenger,.....	12½ cents.
“ horse, mare, mule or ass, with or without rider,.....	37½ “
“ two horse, two ox or two mule team, loaded or unloaded, “ with driver.....	75 “
“ single horse carriage,.....	50 “
“ additional cow, horse mule or ox,.....	10 “
“ swine or sheep,.....	3 “

All freight, merchandize or other articles not in teams, at the rate of ten cents per barrel, and fifty cents per thousand feet of lumber, and three cents per hundred pounds for all other articles.

SEC. 8. The said Corporators shall, within six months after the passage of this act, file or cause to be filed with the clerk of the board of county commissioners of the county of Washinton, recognizance of the with good and sufficient sureties (to be approved by said board of county Bond required

commissioners) in the penal sum of one thousand dollars, conditioned that he will fulfill all the duties that are imposed upon them in the foregoing sections, and in case of a failure so to do, they shall forfeit all the benefits that might have accrued to them from the passage of this act.

Penalty in certain cases.

SEC. 9. For every neglect in keeping a good and sufficient boats, or failure to give due and prompt attendance, the said Company shall forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty dollars, to be recovered by an action before any court having competent jurisdiction, and shall be further liable, in an action, for all damages any person shall sustain by reason of the neglect of the said Company to fulfill any of the duties imposed by this act.

Remedy for injuries sustained.

SEC. 10. Any person who shall sustain any injury by the negligence or default of the said Company, or the ferryman in his employ, may have a remedy by an action upon the bond required in this act.

Act to take effect.

SEC. 11. This act shall take effect from and after the day of its passage.

SEC. 12. Any future Legislature may alter or amend this charter.

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